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- is attached hereto;
- was filed as United States Application Serial No.  
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- was filed as PCT International Application Number  
PCT/DE00/00406, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000
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Country :                    Federal Republic of Germany

✓ Application No. :        199 05 776.1

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Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 : [x] Yes    [ ] No

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